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"AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONNECTICUT TRANSPORTATION INSTITUTE."

- Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the following in lieu thereof:
- 3 "Section 1. Section 4a-67d of the general statutes is repealed and the 4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 5 (a) The fleet average for cars or light duty trucks purchased by the
- 6 state shall: (1) On and after October 1, 2001, have a United States
- 7 Environmental Protection Agency estimated highway gasoline mileage
- 8 rating of at least thirty-five miles per gallon and on and after January 1,
- 9 2003, have a United States Environmental Protection Agency estimated
- 10 highway gasoline mileage rating of at least forty miles per gallon, (2)
- 11 comply with the requirements set forth in 10 CFR 490 concerning the
- 12 percentage of alternative-fueled vehicles required in the state motor
- vehicle fleet, and (3) obtain the best achievable mileage per pound of
- 14 carbon dioxide emitted in its class. The alternative-fueled vehicles

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15 purchased by the state to comply with said requirements shall be

- 16 capable of operating on natural gas or electricity or any other system
- 17 acceptable to the United States Department of Energy that operates on
- 18 fuel that is available in the state.
- 19 (b) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this section, (1) on and
- 20 after January 1, 2008, any car or light duty truck purchased or leased
- 21 by the state shall have an efficiency rating that is in the top third of all
- 22 <u>vehicles in such purchased or leased vehicle's class and at least fifty</u>
- 23 per cent of such cars and light duty trucks shall be alternative fueled,
- 24 hybrid electric or plug-in electric vehicles, and (2) on and after January
- 25 <u>1, 2012, one hundred per cent of such cars and light duty trucks shall</u>
- 26 <u>be alternative fueled, hybrid electric or plug-in electric vehicles.</u>
- [(b)] (c) The provisions of [subsection (a)] subsections (a) and (b) of
- 28 this section shall not apply to [cars or light duty trucks purchased for
- 29 law enforcement or other special use purposes as designated by the
- 30 Department of Administrative Services] any vehicle of the Department
- 31 of Public Safety that the Commissioner of Public Safety designates as
- 32 necessary for the Department of Public Safety to carry out its mission,
- 33 provided the Commissioner of Administrative Services approves of
- 34 <u>such designation and, in consultation with the Commissioner of Public</u>
- 35 Safety, provides an explanation of why the provisions of subsections
- 36 (a) and (b) of this section should not apply to such vehicles.
- [(c)] (d) As used in this section, the terms "car" and "light duty
- 38 truck" shall be as defined in the United States Department of Energy
- 39 Publication DOE/CE -0019/8, or any successor publication.
- 40 (e) Not later than October 1, 2007, the Commissioner of
- 41 Administrative Services shall file a report with the joint standing
- 42 <u>committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters</u>
- 43 <u>relating to government administration, the environment and energy</u>
- 44 that includes: (1) Details on the composition of the state fleet,
- 45 including, but not limited to, a listing of all vehicles owned, leased or
- 46 used by the Departments of Transportation and Public Safety, the

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47 make, model and fuel type of vehicles that compose the state fleet and

- 48 the amount of fuel, including alternative fuels, that each vehicle uses,
- and (2) a copy of the determination made by the Commissioner of 49
- 50 Environmental Protection pursuant to subsection (a) of section 2 of this
- 51 act. The Departments of Transportation and Public Safety shall submit
- 52 all data requested of such departments by the Department of
- 53 Administrative Services in connection with the preparation of such
- 54 report.
- 55 (f) On or before January 1, 2008, and annually thereafter, the
- Commissioner of Administrative Services shall file a report with the 56
- 57 joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance
- 58 of matters relating to government administration, the environment and
- 59 energy that includes: (1) Details on the composition of the state fleet,
- 60 including, but not limited to, a listing of all vehicles owned, leased or
- used by the Departments of Transportation and Public Safety, the 61
- 62 make, model and fuel type of vehicles that compose the state fleet and
- 63 the amount of fuel, including alternative fuels, that each vehicle uses,
- (2) any changes to the determination made by the Commissioner of 64
- 65 Environmental Protection pursuant to subsection (a) of section 2 of this
- 66 act or any update concerning the waiver application submitted
- pursuant to subsection (a) of section 2 of this act, as applicable, (3) a 67
- 68 listing of any vehicle exempted pursuant to subsection (c) of this
- 69 section along with the commissioner of Administrative Services'
- 70 explanation for such exemption, (4) any changes or amendments to the
- 71 plan required by subsection (b) of section 2 of this act, and (5) any
- 72 changes or amendments to the plan required by subsection (c) of
- section 2 of this act. The Departments of Transportation and Public 73
- Safety shall submit all data requested of such departments by the 74
- Department of Administrative Services in connection with the 75
- 76 preparation of such report.
- 77 (g) The Commissioner of Administrative Services may enter into
- 78 any agreement necessary to carry out the provisions of subsections (e)
- 79 and (f) of this act.

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80 Sec. 2. (Effective from passage) (a) Not later than August 1, 2007, the 81 Commissioner of Environmental Protection, in consultation with the 82 Commissioner of Administrative Services, shall, in good faith, make a 83 determination as to whether the state qualifies for a waiver from the 84 alternative fuel vehicle acquisition requirements of the federal Energy 85 Policy Act of 2005. If the Commissioner of Environmental Protection, 86 in good faith, determines that the state qualifies for such a waiver, the 87 Commissioner of Administrative Services shall immediately apply for 88 such waiver.

- (b) Not later than September 1, 2007, the Commissioner of Environmental Protection, in consultation with the Commissioner of Administrative Services, shall develop a plan to increase the utilization of existing ethanol fueling stations, existing natural gas fueling stations and any other existing alternative fuel fueling stations in the state. Such plan shall be updated periodically.
- 95 (c) Not later than September 1, 2007, the Commissioner of Environmental Protection, in consultation with the Commissioner of Administrative Services, shall develop a plan to utilize any alternative fuel vehicle credits the state may have under the Energy Policy Act of 2005, including, but not limited to, credits earned by the Departments of Transportation and Public Safety, for the purchase of hybrid electric vehicles by the state.
- 102 Sec. 3. (Effective July 1, 2007) The sum of five hundred thousand 103 dollars is appropriated to the Department of Transportation, from the 104 General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, for the purpose 105 of providing a grant to the Greater New Haven Transit District for the 106 acquisition and installation of a hydrogen fueling station and 107 maintenance facility in Hamden for use by hydrogen powered vehicles 108 owned by the Greater New Haven Transit District and the town of 109 Hamden."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

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Section 1	from passage	4a-67d
Sec. 2	from passage	New section
Sec. 3	July 1, 2007	New section